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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that first responders,  
2 National Guard members, and military personnel play key roles in  
3 responses to man-made or natural disasters. Trained and educated  
4 community civilians are also imperative to any civil defense  
5 plan. These trained community civilians work with city, state,  
6 and federal civil defense staff who are well trained and prepared  
7 for all man-made and natural disasters that can occur in the  
8 State. With proper training and knowledge provided by county  
9 civil defense and emergency agencies, civilians can assist  
10 communities in preparing for emergency situations and provide  
11 first response support.

12           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to authorize and  
13 appropriate funds for the state department of defense civil  
14 defense agency to provide administrative oversight of twenty-five  
15 civilian community teams and to hire a coordinator to establish  
16 the teams and ensure that they are properly trained to assist  
17 city, state, and federal personnel during man-made or natural  
18 disasters.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
3 read as follows:

4 "§128- Civilian community teams. (a) For the purpose of  
5 providing for community assistance in disaster relief as defined  
6 in section 127-1, the director of civil defense shall assemble  
7 one civilian community team of ten unpaid volunteer residents  
8 over the age of eighteen for each state senatorial district,  
9 adjusted pursuant to the most recently adopted final  
10 reapportionment plan.

11 (b) Each civilian community team shall meet at least twice  
12 each quarter and receive at least \$5,000 per fiscal year for  
13 community workshops, informational brochures, signage, and other  
14 emergency-related supplies that assist in community readiness for  
15 disasters, subject to the approval of the director of civil  
16 defense.

17 (c) The director of civil defense shall hire a coordinator  
18 to help establish, train, and provide administrative oversight of  
19 the civilian community teams."

20 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the



1 director of civil defense to establish twenty-five civilian  
2 community teams and one coordinator position pursuant to this  
3 Act.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
5 defense for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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**Report Title:**

State Department of Defense; Civil Defense; Natural or Man-Made Disaster; Civilian Community Teams; Appropriation

**Description:**

Makes an appropriation to the state department of defense civil defense division to assemble twenty-five civilian community teams and the hiring of a coordinator to help establish, train, and assist the teams. Effective July 1, 2050. (SD1)

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